

## NEWS OF NOTE

### Great American Stamp Show: Chicago 2021

Statement from Scott D. English, Executive Director – May 15, 2021

Let's Do This!

In March, we announced that we were moving into the next planning phase for the Great American Stamp Show. To make the show financially viable for both dealers and the American Philatelic Society, we needed to meet specific benchmarks. I am pleased to announce we've completed those benchmarks, and the Great American Stamp Show will happen.

We called on our philatelic community to make plans to attend, and the response has been overwhelming! Good news and bad news: Our hotel blocks are filled for both the Embassy Suites and the DoubleTree hotel. If you haven't booked your room yet, we will get additional rooms for those planning to attend.

To the collectors, exhibitors, societies, and dealers who made commitments to attend the show: You made this possible. On behalf of the American Philatelic Society, American Topical Society, and the American First Day Cover Society, thank you for rising to the occasion!

I would like to thank the APS Board of Directors for their faith in our fantastic team here at the APS. There have been so many developments over the past three months, and they've proven agile and responsive. Thank you to our partners at the American Topical Association and the American First Day Cover Society for their trust and support throughout this process. We promise to deliver a show to remember. Thanks to our partners at American Stamp Dealers Association, especially our old friend and colleague, Dana Guyer, for rallying the dealers.

Dates: August 12-15, 2021      Location: Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont, IL.

Hosts: [American Philatelic Society](#), [American Topical Association](#), and [American First Day Cover Society](#). Sponsor: [United States Postal Service](#)

### UNEXPO 2021, Bellefonte, PA, October 29-30, 2021

United Nations Philatelists, Inc. (UNPI) will hold UNEXPO 2021 at American Philatelic Society (APS) Headquarters in Bellefonte, PA, October 29th and 30th. This stamp show, held in conjunction with the APS, will be the third such show held. The first show has held in State College in 1991, the fiftieth anniversary of UN stamps. The second show was held in 2017 in Bellefonte. The two day show features UN philately, but is open to all. The show will have a WSP exhibit with up to 125 frames of exhibits. The UN Postal Administration will be present, and may have a first day at the show. The show will have a number of talks on varied subjects, APRL tours, dealers featuring material for sale, the UNPI annual meeting, and an awards luncheon. Additionally there will be a specialized UN Auction Held at the exhibition on Saturday afternoon, by H.R. Harmer, New York. Auction lots will also be available for viewing during the entire show. Updates on UNEXPO 2021 will be made on the [www.unpi.com](http://www.unpi.com) website, including the exhibition prospectus and application.

UN philately is a rich and varied specialty. This includes official service stamps issued by the UNPA in New York, Geneva and Vienna, by France, the Netherlands and Switzerland, worldwide topical stamps, postal history of offices, peace keeping missions and conferences of the UN, its agencies and its predecessor organizations, dating back to 1865.